14. A Pickering emulsion, said Pickering emulsion being a finely dispersed water-in-oil or oil-in-water system, said Pickering emulsion comprising:

a) an oil phase comprising at least one wax and/or at least one oil thickener;

b) an aqueous phase;

c) microfine particles, said microfine particles being metal oxides:

i) having an average particle size of less than 200 nm;

ii) being dispersible both in water and in oil; and

iii) having both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties resulting in amphiphilic character;

d) at least one film former; and

e) at most 0.5% by weight of one or more emulsifiers.

15. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, are emulsifier-free.

16. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, the content of the particles used is between 0.1% by weight and 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparations.

17. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the particle diameter of the particles used is between 5 nm and 100 nm.

18. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, the particles have been surface-treated to repel water, where the amphiphilic character of the particles is formed or retained.

19. W/O Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, the total amount of one or more film formers in the emulsion is chosen to be less than 10% by weight based on the total weight of the emulsion.

20. W/O Pickering emulsion according to claim 19, wherein the total amount of one or more film formers in the emulsion is between 1.0 and 7.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.

21. O/W Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, the total amount of one or more film formers is chosen to be less than 20.0% by weight based on the total weight of the emulsion.

22. O/W Pickering emulsion according to claim 21, wherein the total amount of one or more film formers in the emulsion is between 2.0 and 15.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the emulsion.

23. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the film former(s) is/are selected from the group of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) polymers.

24. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 23, wherein the film former(s) is/are selected from the group of polyvinylpyrrolidone copolymers.

25. Pickering emulsion according to Claim 14, wherein the film former(s) is/are selected from the group consisting of PVP hexadecene copolymer, PVP eicosene copolymer, sodium polystyrenesulphonate and polyisobutene.

26. A method of providing skin care, said method comprising applying to skin an emulsion according to any one of claims 14-25.

27. A method for stabilizing a cosmetic or dermatological Pickering emulsion comprising of:

a) an oil phase comprising at least one wax and/or at least one oil thickener;

b) an aqueous phase;

c) microfine particles, said microfine particles being metal oxides:

i) having an average particle size of less than 200 nm;

ii) being dispersible both in water and in oil; and

iii) having both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties resulting in amphiphilic character; and

d) at most 0.5% by weight of one or more emulsifiers,

which consists of adding at least one film former to said Pickering emulsion.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein said at least one film former is selected from the group of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) polymers.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one film former is selected from the group of polyvinylpyrrolidone copolymers.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein said at least one film former is selected from the group consisting of PVP hexadecene copolymer, PVP eicosene copolymer, sodium polystyrenesulphonate and polyisobutene.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled and claims 14-30 have been added. Claims 14-26 are now pending. Although claims 14-30 are broader in scope than the claims allowed in 09/396,560, they still represent a narrower embodiment of originally filed claims 1-13. As such, it is believed that no new matter has been added.

Claims 14-26 correspond to the claims allowed in parent application 09/396,560 with the